HEAVY WEEK JUST AHEAD

Legislature to Have Up Tax Bill and Annexation.

INSURANCE BILLS UP

Measures of Messrs, Bruce and Sale Set for Hearing Thursday-Ostco. paths Again To-Morrow Night. Many Other Matters.

There is a big week ahead for the lawmakers of the State in both branches of the General Assembly as well as in the various committees. There are two matters pending before the Senate of sweeping moment and they will require much time before they are disposed of.

One is that relating to the mode of annexing properry adjacent to cities and towns, and the other the bill of Senator Sale, creating a Department of Insurance

The former is now being considered as a special order, and the latter will come up shortly in its regular order. These subjects are both of widespread interest to the people, and many speeches will be beard before they are finally disposed of

On the House side there are many important matters up. The special order is the general tax law, and its consideration will likely consume the entire week. The upon its calendar, will meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow, and long sessions will be held each day during the week. A number of important amendments have been offered to the tax bill, and notice of others has been given, so it looks as if a long slege of debate is in prospect.

Other important matters on the House calendar are the congressional reappor-tionment bill, the Barksdale pure elections measure and the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the Jamestown Exposition. The latter will likely not provoke much of a fight, but the other two will be heavily assailed. It looks as if the reapportionment bill will not pass the House in the shape in which tt came from the committee, and the same may be said of the Barksdale bill as amended in the committee. The First and Eighth District people will

marnestly oppose the apportionment scheme as reported, and the advocates of

reheme as reported, and the advocates of pure elections will seek to reject Mr. Comming's amendment to the Barksdale bill, which proposes to insert the word "corrupty," and it looks now as if they win be successful.

But even these are not all the important measures that are actually on the calendars of the two houses, to say nothing of the many that are being pressed before the various committees. The Senate Committee for Courts of Justice is meeting every afternoon in the Supreme Court room, preparing its general report, and the task is by no means an easy one.

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The General Laws Committee of the Senate will hear the concluding argument on Senator Harvey's anti-healer bill tomorrow night, and the chances are that it will be reported with some qualifying amendments.

But the greatest fight of all before any committee during the week promises to be over the Insurance bills in the General Laws. Committee of the Senate on Thursday morning at 16 o'clock, Chairman Barksdale has agreed to take up the Bruce bill, proposing to re-enact the Wharton anti-compact law at that time, and it will be considered along with the bill of Senator Sale, of Norfolk, known as the anti-trust measure. To both of these bills the insurance people stand opposed, and will appear both personally and by coursel in opposition.

Senator Bruce is being urged by some of his constituents to press his bill to resenact the Wharton jaw, and there seems to be a strong undercurrent of sentiment in both houses this favor. Not only the insurance people, but other corporations, will fight the Sale bill, as it proposes to treate a Board of Selegraphy Examiners will be up at 46 octock to morrow morning before the House Committee on General Laws, and it will be vigorously op-

RATIONAL

OF VIRGINIA

Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$119,000

UNITED STATES, STATE AND CITY

DEPOSITORY.

Condensed Report to the Comptroller, February 6, 1903.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts...... \$1,968,826.85

LIABILITIES

Overdrafts...

United States and other bonds

Premium.....

Cash and due from banks.....

Surplus fund and undivided profits.....

Dividends unpaid.....

Capital stock.

posed by Hon. A. P. Thom, of Norfolk.
So it will be seen, amid these and
countiess other matters not mentioued, the
legislators will have "about all that is
coming to them" during the week.

IN PITTSYLVANIA

A Number of Items of Interest Heard at Chatham.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., February 14.—Court
will begin Monday, at which term Jack T. Hufidley will be tried for the murder of Albert Griffith.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Sallie M. Coles entertained a party of lady friends at duplicate whist.

Friday evening the young boys gave a party at the home of Mrs. Chas. G. Wat-Saturday afternoon Miss Stella Barrentertained the Young Ladies' Afternoon

Little Miss Bessie Dillard entertained the Lucky Little Thirteen Saturday af-

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The continued wet weather resulted in a very fine tobacco season Wednesday. A large quantity of the weed was carried to the Danville market during the earlier part of the week. Prices are very much lower compared with sixty days ago, and most of the farmers are holding their best grades in hopes of an advance in witches.

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Very little plowing has been done and few plant beds have been buried. At present the wheat crop is looking very fine and prospects are very promising for a most abundant yield.

The Pittsylvania County Pension Board, composed of Captain John R. Yates, Hon, James W. Gregory and W. R. Poindexter, held their first meeting for this year on Saturday, the 14th, for considering new applications for pensions, as all who received pensions last year were not required to appear before the board.

The five prisoners sentenced at last term of county court to the pentientiary for various offenses are yet in the county fall, where they will in all probability remain until the epidemic of smallpox now raging in the county is stamped out, which is in accord with the ruling of the pentientiary surgeon, which prohibits the peritentiary surgeon, which prohibits admittance of convicts to the penitentiary om countles in which there is small-

pox.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. Charles De Mott recently for the benefit of the Concord Church organ.

A very neat little sum was realized.

Rev. A. A. Whitmore is out again after several days' confinement to his room with grippe.

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Miss Dorothy Weller, of Missouri, is visiting the family of Judge James L

Horse-Dealer Croxton, of South Bos ton. Thursday morning lost a very valuable animal with lung congestion. The horse was one of a carload received here Tuesday to be offered for sale on Mon-

Rev. James Arthur, D. D., formerly of Rev. James Arthur, D. D., formerly of Reanoke, but now in Campbell county, delivered a very delightful sermon at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night. Dr. Arthur is a very pleasing speaker and his coming always attracts a large congregation. He will preach Sunday merning and night from the same pul-pit.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Justice John's Court Lacked Interes and Sensation Yesterday.

Routine was the order of the Court of Justice John yesterday, with little to in-

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\$500,000.00

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FARM LABOR **VERY SCARCE**

the Meherrin Vicinity.

LABORERS GOING NORTH

Only a Few Plant Beds Have Been Burned, and but Little Preparations as Yet for the Making of Another Year's Crops.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MEHERRIN, VA., Feb. 14 .- Farm labo is almost a thing of the past in this section and very slow progress is being made around here. On account of the largest and best farmers have been forced to retire from the field and those left are preparing for about half the crop usually cultivated. The best element of the laboring class goes north during the summer months where they claim higher wages prevail and return here when the weather begins to grow cold and winter with the few that are left to till the soil It has always been an easy job to rent out a farm, but the land owners say that it is impossible now to find a renter who is willing to work and as a result many of our best farms are almost idle Except those who are doing their own work with their families. These who are fortunate in this respect are very much behind in their work. Only a few have burnt plant beds and a very little land as no preparations has been made for the cat crop. The younger set, which in account of their age are unable to go north are employed around the various saw mills and the farmers say it is im-

possible to get a plow boy.

The whiskey question is beginning to trouse interest in this section and a few petitions have been circulated among he citizens around by the ministers in favor of the Mann bill. At present here are two saloons here, with the town betting the proported and no way to control of the possible of the proported and no way to control. there are two saloons here, with the town not incorporated and no way to control those who get under its influence and inless some relief comes from the Legslature it is quite evident that some move will be made by the citizens and a hard fight will ensue. So far as your orrespondent is aware, this is the only point between Manchester and South Boston where liquor is sold.

The recent rains have made the roads get deeper and deeper and at present it is almost impossible for anyone to go over them in a buggy and where they were worked late last fall, the hubs as well as the rims are several inches in the

well as the rims are several inches in the mud. Traffic has almost ceased, except with those who are compelled to go and very little is being done in the way of hauling, except those who are adding

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Monday was County Court. A large crowl was present and many horses thanged owners. There was no cases before the judge and in his case everything was unusually quiet. The two cases that were to have come up was postponed. The grand jury was in session and failed to find a true bill against Randle Wood, who was charged with attempting to poison the horse of Robert Gregory and he was released from custody.

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house on Monday last was called to order by the President. Miss Nannie Neblett, in a room of the Marmers Hotel. Only about eight members were present, which was caused by the bad reads and no business of importance was gone into. Mr. John Harding, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harding, who reside a few miles west of this place, has been suffering for the past month with bleeding from the nose. Almost every hour, day and night, the blood began to flow and every remedy which has been tried has falled to stop it for any length of time. It is an unusual case in this section and much uncasiness is felt for him.

Mr. Mance Arim, who was hurt during the holiday in a runaway which ended by his being thrown out of his buggy from which his arm was broken and his hip knocked out of joint, is improving very slowly and until the past few days he has been able to sit up. Several doctors are attending him and it is hoped that, he will soon be out.

Miss Elva Love and Mr. Wren Elder both of Reedy, this county, was married at the home of the bride on Thursday last by Rev. S. H. Love. After the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served the guests and dancing was engaged in and kept up until a late hour.

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FOUND HER MOTHER

Lost Child Belonged to Madame Herrmann's Maid.

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Little Mabel Lomdey, the daughter of Mrs. Anna Lomdey, maid in attendance upon Madame Herrmann, wandered off yesterday morning, and was found crying in the Capitol Square by a policeman, who took her to the Chief's office in the City Hail. She was later carried to the Second Station, and it was learned that she had wandered from the Jefferson Hotel, where the party was stopping, and Policeman Tolar carried her to the Bijou Theatre and turned her over to her mother during the performance. There was a little scene behind the scenes as the mother clasped her little one in her arms and cried for joy.

Personal and General.

Mrs. Ellen Converse, wife of Rev. Dr. F. Bartlett Converse, senior editor of the Christian Observer, Louisville, Ky., is visiting Richmond. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ellen Converse. They are at the Jefferson, Mrs. Converse is a daughter of Dr. George William Pollard, deceased, of Hanover, and has many friends and relatives in the city.

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Mr. W. H. Tatum, who has been sick for several weeks, is able to sit up.

Mr. Fitzhugh Kersey, of Hanover, employed at the Locomotive Works, is sick at No. 000 East Leigh Street.

Dr. Blankenship, of Church Hill, is confined by sickness.

Mrs. Howard Welthall is very ill at her home, on South Third Street.

Mrs. R. C. Anderson, of No. 514 North Ninth Street, is sick.

Miss Roberta W. Ellerson, who has been spending the winter at Mrs. Duvall's, is with her sister, Mrs. Armstrong Thomas, at No. 1526 Park Avenue, Baltimore.

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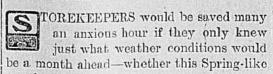
Mr. John B. Rahm, of Omaha, Neb., is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs.

Charles B. Sizev. He has with him his two daughters, Misses Helen and Florence.

Masonic Home Auxiliary. The regular monthly meeting of the Masonic Home Auxiliary will be held in the Temple Tuesday. Ith Instant, at II

Miller & Rhoads Miller & Rhoads It's Spring

Almost a Thing of the Past in in the Dress Goods and Silk Section



an anxious hour if they only knew just what weather conditions would be a month ahead-whether this Spring-like | than usual and to-morrow morning weather, for instance-was permanent.

We're not bothering ourselves about it as we prepared a couple of months ago for Spring and had the goods delivered earlier

We offer you the best selected stock of Dress Goods and Silks

we've ever had in the store.

This offer also includes dress trimmings | it's to be a great year for these fabrics. and buttons, some details of which you'll

Colored

Dress Goods French Violes, \$1.00

43 inches wide, hard-twisted yarns, in the scarcest and most sought-after shades, such as

Navy, Royal Light Gray, Cream, Cardinal, Cadet, Reseda, &c. Mistral Etamines, \$1.00 44 inches wide, some over

wrought with a self-colored, al-

most invisible plaid; others in

stripes of white.

Polka-dot Mohairs, 85c Navy and black grounds, with metal dots. These are very lus-

Striped Mohairs, 50 and 59c Navy and black grounds, with

Black Dress Goods

Crepe Etamine, \$1.35

44 inches wide, very dainty and

refined and just the correct weight | fashionable dots for shirt-waist for spring.

Silk Warp Mohair, \$1.25 and \$1.50

44 inches wide, very brilliant and lustrous.

Black Sail Cloth, \$1.00 44 inches wide, all wool.

Mistral Suitings, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

All pure worsted and extra

good values at the prices named. French Vicle, 75c

We will place on sale Monday morning 5 pieces of a Real French Viole at the low price of 75c. per

Silks

Striped Taffetas and Checked Taffetas

Printed Foulards, 50c

23 inches wide all silk, in the

silks for this season and the indications are Among dress goods the Etamines and

Violes seem to be the leaders, with the new New York, Paris and London are talking | Mohairs following close after.

Wash Taffetas, 50c

Colored grounds, with dainty ever. stripes of white

Japanese Wash Silks, 39c In all white as well as the colored, both narrow and medium

Louisine Checks, 75c Soft and lustrous, in the fashionable greens and blues.

Dress Trimmings and Buttons

We received during the past week the latest styles in the

New Persian Trimmings

both in the straight bands as well as the edges, in narrow and medium widths; Persian buttons, allover Persian yokings, appliques, &c. New styles in Drops and Dangles, in black, white and

Covert Cloth Jackets

Did you ever wear one?

Miller & Rhoads

If you did, there's no argument necessary to convince you of their utility and dressiness.

If you've never had one-look at ours-the neatest, prettiest Coat for spring wear that you'll see in a day's shopping-\$5.98,

New Coats and Other Furnishings for Baby

With the coming of the spring comes the dainty baby show in

These pretty furnishings will make baby look handsomer than

New Coats of Bourord Cord, lined with Italian cloth; deep collar, trimmed with three rows of shirred satin ribbon and silk braid, \$3.75.

Another Coat of fine all-wool cash mere is lined with Italian cloth; the skirt trimmed with three rows of fancy satin ribbon; collar with three rows of ribbon, with bows on shoulders, and the collar and cuffs edged

with silk braid, \$4.50. New and dainty hand-made Sacque, made of Saxony wool, trimmed with satin ribbons and finished with silk critched edge, \$1.00; all colors.

Hand-made Bootees to match the shoes, with white feet and fancy tops; the newest thing for baby's foot: 25e and 40c. Long Cloth Night Slips, good qual-

ity, with the neck and sleeves trimmed with a hemstitched ruffle, 25c. Real Leather Shoes for the baby in black, white, pink and blue, all

sizes, 5oc. The Daintiest French Hand-Made Bibs, with all hand embroidery, 600,

The Notions and Fancy Goods New Walking & Dress Skirts

What do you think of the Notion display in our window? Pretty, isn't it? and yet that's only a sample of what's inside. You know, of course, that everything in the Notion line is here.

Now what about prices? Compare our prices with other articles elsewhere and then figure

up the difference. You'll find a cent or so difference in our favor on many of these articles, and when you've purchased all your needfuls the pennies

here and there that you've saved will amount to no small amount. Vaseline, the original Chesebrough brand, 4e bottle

Princess Talcum Powder, violet and Foot Comfort, best made, 25c.

Roger & Gallet Rice Powder, all odors, 15e each. 8 oz. bottles Bay Rum, Florida Water and Violet Ammonia, 10c bottle.

Large Horn Fine Combs, good quality, 2e each. 7-Inch Horn Barber Combs, 3c

Listerine, "Lambert's," 10c bottle. Antiseptic Preparations, "Amoline" 15e each. Felt Shoe Polishers, four sides, something new, 25e each.

The American Pin Cabinet, dull and bright pins, 3c each. 6-yard pieces new Feather-Stitch Braid, superior to many sold at 15c, 10s piece.

Whittimore "Elite" Combination Polish, 10e box. Warren's Feather-Bone Stock Col-

WARNER'S/

PUST-PROOF |

S-inch Bright and Dull Jet Hat Pins, 5e each. Loop Top Rod Pins, in shell and

amber, 10e each. Large size Twine Shopping Bags, in black and brown, 25c each. Best Steel Scissors, from 4 to 7

inches, 25e pair. Velvet Grip Hose Supporters, with both loop and pin tops, all sizes, 15c

Asbestos Iron Holders, 5c each. Clark's O. N. T. Darning Cotton, 3 for 5c.

Sterling Silver "Art Nuveau" Brooches and Hat Pins, 12 different designs, 25e each 1-10 Gold Front Baby Pins, guar-

anteed to wear, 2 on card, 25c. Satin Pleated Beits, with large rosette backs, 25c each.

Bone Stick Spangled Fans, double gauze, 50c each. Steel Crocheted Coin Purses, metal

Warner's We have yet to learn that a WARNER RUST-

Rust-Proof Corsets.

PROOF, long-skirt, dip-hip or extension-tab model fails in building the proper figure for the form of the slender, average or stout woman, if the right model is selected. We know just the model to perform the act. Our saleswomen will tell you, We have a generous assortment of fashionable models, varying in price to suit every purse. We

here describe but one style, and shown in the pic-ture. It's made of fine coutile, Princess hip, boned

The White Goods for Spring

with guaranteed rust-proof steel-\$1.00.

It's right difficult for an admirer of fine Linen to resist the strong temptation of enthusing over the "Old Bleach" product. Its praises can't be sounded too loud, but we'd rather you'd do

it than ourselves. Sufficient to say that we KNOW our "Old Bleach" Linen Suiting for shirt-waists or suits is one of the best fabrics in the white goods world for this purpose, and only 59c, a

New basket weave, 25 inches wide, and the softest, handsomest finish possible for this kind of goods. White Linen Cambric (all pure FORDS, have white grounds,

linen), 45 inches wide; fine fabric for embroidered shirt waists, 69c. White Builting Linen, 21-2 yards

wide; very heavy round thread cloth and much in demand, \$1.25.

White Cotton Duck, of a good, heavy quality, for skirts and shirt waist suits, 12 1-20,

with wide mercerized strips running through them. Through these strips run like diamondshaped or irregular dabs of blue, green and black. Just placed on sale a day or so

ago, and they've captured the NEW MERCERIZED OX hearts of women already-39c.

It's something unusual for us!

to carry Walking Skirts to sell as low as \$1.69...

don't sell trash. We keep our eyes open, though, and when it's possible occasionally to get a good value for this price wa don't let the opportunity slip. We bought this cloth under price, and had the skirts made up to our order-not many of 'em, it's true, as the cloth supply was limited-but they're good values at the money.

Oxford Melton Cloth, with 7 rows of stitching around the bottom. You'll find this Skirt will hang properly-\$1.69.

Cheviot Skirts, in Oxford, blue and

black, with ten rows of stitching around the bottom; corded top, with-

a seven gored flare, \$3.48. Strictly All-Wool Cheviot Skirts, in light gray and black, with a perpendicular tucked top and a corded and stitched knifepleated bottom. These Skirts are a five dollar value-we offer them

for \$3.98. One of the new Walking Skirts material, in checked patterns, strictly tallor-made, with stitched straps of self-material, pined with taffeta Made with a yoke and the correct habit back, the latter being more graceful in fit than the original habit

Etamine is so popular this spring for skirts or full costumes that it's getting to be a question As a rule, a Skirt at this price of pompt delivery by the mandon't amount to much-and we ufacturers. We have a particularly handsome Skirt of this material, strictly all-wool and finely, tailored, that we can offer now for \$6.98. If the demand on the cloth-makers keeps up the prices

will go up. This Skirt is a very natty garment, trimmed with taffeta bands and buttons, the band at the hips forming a yoke effect.

Look on the inner side of the Skirt and see how the seams are bound-shows you just the quality of work that's on it. We have these Skirts unlined

All-Wool Light Weight Cheviot Skirts, tucked all round; knife pleated bottom and yoke effect. The front panels are trimmed with silk tabs, forming a slightly open effect. Fercaline drop skirt, 87.08.

or made over a drop skirt-\$6.98.

tucked top to a box pleated flounced The top of the flounce is finished with three rows of taffeta made over an accordion pleuted drop skirt of

Black Cloth Skirts, made with a

percaline, \$4.48 Extra sizes for stout forms, 50c

additional. A very good value in a Black Cloth Skirt for \$2.08 has perpendicular lands of stitched teffeta and finished with a tassel and buttons. We can recommend this highly for a low priced skirt.

School Supplies in Our Book Dep't

The unwilling school boy of the poet wasn't in evidence last week-at least not in our store.

Book Bags, Slates and Pencils, Scholars' Companions, Pads, Composition Blanks, Ink, Lead Pencils, Lunch Boxes and everything that goes to make up the numerous list that the young folks will need next term.

Boys and girls both seemed very willing to purchase school supplies. Possibly because they got good values here at a little less money than elsewhere-anyway, there were lots of 'em in here.

Terra Cotta Heads at Reduced Prices

We had some fine specimens of Fera-Cotta Heads shipped us for the Christmas trade. They got | Spread that we have. lost somewhere on the road and only reached us the other day. Here's the result:

\$1.25 Heads for 89c. \$2.50 and \$3.00 Heads for \$1.50. Spreads, 65 and 92c.

Pretty Bed Spreads

One dollar and forty-eight cents will be well invested if you put it into a fine Marseilles Design Heavy hand-tied Fringe, with cut

Full sizes and looks particularly nice on an iron bed.

Full sizes and prettily trimmed

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414.62 2,733.58 Interest reserve..... Deposits 2,487,170.94 \$3,647,626,97 Interest Allowed in Savings Department. Accounts invited.